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Stefflin Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1861

Col Eli Sifu

Dear Sir

Genl William

Bell of this place is raising a  
company for Col Fridman, Cavalry  
of Philad, he is getting a superior  
lot of young men, who going into  
the service from a sense of duty  
and not for the fear of the thing  
The Genl is one of the best persons  
in the County of fine appearance  
and commanding person, and strict  
morals, he desires the position of  
Major in the Regiment, he is entitled  
to consideration, and should have  
the place, if you could help him to  
get it, you would do ~~me~~ a special  
favour, please write to him to  
messow or soon, at this place.

Yours always truly

James M. Sillis

Mifflin Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1861

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Dear Sir

Genl William Bell of this place is raising a Company for Col Friedman [Connly?] of Philad. he is getting a superior lot of young men, who going into the service from a sense of duty and not for the fun of the thing

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James M Sellers

Buffalo Aug 9, 1861

Cal Eli Liza

Dear Sir

I was in Newburg  
on Saturday but you had left for  
home. Mr Haunbury is very anxious to  
be clerk. Could you aid him a  
little with Mr Johnston the Senator  
from your district? I think George  
is better than any one who is  
seeking the place.

Always truly

James M Sill

Mifflin Dec 9, 1861

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Missouri June 12 1862

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all the Company they also  
inclosed a line saying with  
of the Committee would  
be acceptable try and  
do something for Mr Sand  
hope to see you soon  
Truly

Saml Miller

Mifflin June 12 1862

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Dear Sir

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Jas M Sellers

Wilmington June 23. 1862

Col Eli Linn

My Dear Sir

Your letter came to hand, I am truly thankful for your attention to Mr Linn's request, my anxiety was intensified on account of his wife, who is a very amiable woman, I hope they will be both satisfied, I suppose I was beat at our County Convention, but it was done by the most shameful and bare faced fraud, ever perpetrated in this County, and the parties are welcome to it all, perhaps the same means may put in through confidence and also at the polls, the parties to have not much to crow about, I cant say how graceful my retreat was, but I done the best I could under the circumstances, the dead & wounded were all brought off the field I dont think the retreat so brutal as to be of the Sepul or Banks order, I want to see you will be in Hainsburg on Wednesday when I hope to have that pleasure.

July  
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PENNSYLVANIA.  
Executive Chamber,

Harrisburg Pa. Sept 19 1864

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of Commissioner under the Act of  
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and would name either the 49<sup>th</sup> or  
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JAMES M. SELLERS,  
No. 224 SOUTH FOURTH STREET.

Philadelphia, July 21. 1866.

Hon Eli Slifer;

Dear Sir;

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you do not often see newspapers; I  
therefore enclose you the proceedings  
of a very large and respectable  
meeting held in Union County.  
preserve it with care as I fear  
you may never look upon its like  
again; The names of the orators  
I think are unknown to fame, but  
they seem to have delighted the  
audience; and the Resolutions bear  
a very proper spirit, they have only  
been used twice; if you see fit,  
you can send them to the next  
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# LARGE UNION JOHNSON MEETING AT FARMERSVILLE, UNION COUNTY.

## President Johnson and Senator Cowan Endorsed.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of Union men was held at Farmersville on the evening of the 4th inst. Wm. Steans, esq., a life-long Whig and Republican, was lectured president, assisted by a number of vice presidents.

The Declaration of Independence was read by Mr. B. Chambers, after which that gentleman delivered an address in which he dwelt upon the speeches, messages, and proclamations of Abraham Lincoln on reconstruction.

The meeting was also addressed by Thompson Baker, esq., in an able and eloquent manner.

Mr. Chambers, who has all his life acted with the Whig and Republican parties, and also served during the entire war on the staff of Major General Burnside, offered the following resolutions, which had been previously presented to and enthusiastically received and passed by a large Republican meeting in Beaver county, with but two dissenting votes:

Whereas the American Congress did, on the 21st of July, 1861, with but two dissenting votes, resolve "that this war is not waged on our part in any spirit of conquest or subjugation, but to maintain the supremacy of the Constitution and preserve the Union with all the dignity, equality, and rights of the several States unimpaired;"

And whereas the lamented Abraham Lincoln did, on the 8th day of December, 1863, put forth a solemn proclamation containing his plan of reconstruction based substantially upon the above resolutions of Congress;

And whereas Mr. Lincoln did further, on the 11th of April, 1865, only three days before his assassination, reiterate and argue said plan of reconstruction at length and with great ability and power;

And whereas Andrew Johnson is now striving to carry out the policy thus begun by Abraham Lincoln; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we recognize in Andrew Johnson the pure patriot, the great statesman, and the eloquent champion of the rights of the people, and that for his efforts to preserve freedom for us, and our children from the dangers and encroachments of a centralized military despotism, he deserves the heartfelt gratitude of every friend of constitutional liberty.

1866

July 21 - Sellers, J. M.

### "The World Moves."

We direct the attention of our readers to the proceedings of the grand mass demonstration which was held at Farmersville, Union county, on the 4th inst. The meeting, as we learn from a gentleman who was present, was an unusually large one, and, as will be seen by reference to the proceedings in another column, fully and unqualifiedly endorsed the President and his policy, giving a separate and distinctive endorsement to Senator Cowan for the bold and manly support he has tendered the President and his measures. Our Radical friends will doubtless begin to believe, shortly, that the world does move.



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